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Idaho's Intermodal Transportation System

Idaho's intermodal transportation system provides the connection that takes Idaho citizens from where they are to where they want to go. That complex system keeps geographically diverse Idaho connected—from Bonners Ferry to Preston, from Murphy to Island Park.

The department's mission is to:

"...provide high-quality, cost-effective transportation systems that are safe, reliable and responsive for the economical and efficient movement of people and products."

Idaho's Highway System

Idaho is defined by its rugged geography – vast wilderness (the largest federally protected regions in the contiguous 48 states), the towering Continental Divide, rugged Hells Canyon, arid plains, mountain passes...

Today, approximately 1.4 million people call Idaho home. In the highly mobile 21st century, Idahoans expect access to communities, workplaces, recreation, shopping centers and schools. They rely on a safe, efficient state highway system to provide that access.

- 11,852 lane miles of state highways
- 4,948 centerline miles of state highways
- 1,752 bridges

Idaho's Public Transportation System

As Idaho's population grows and highways become more crowded, the need for transportation alternatives becomes more important. Public transportation is a primary partner in solving congestion and air quality issues in Idaho's population centers.

The Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Public Transportation works with the Federal Transit Administration to make funds available for rural communities. Those funds help operate public transportation services throughout the state. The goal is to assist local communities in developing transportation options for access to jobs, education, medical appointments, local government offices and senior citizen centers, thereby improving the quality of life in rural Idaho.

Public transportation services include:

- Fixed transit routes in 10 communities
- Scheduled or unscheduled transit service provided by motor vehicle, bus and van in 27 counties
- Paratransit service for the elderly and persons with disabilities provide connections to medical facilities, shopping, training, meal sites and other activities
- Commuter service using van pools or car pools between cities, counties, employment centers, educational institutions or park-and-ride lots
- Transportation to clients of social service programs

The Idaho Transportation Department works with the Public Transportation Advisory Council, the Interagency Working Group and the public to develop policies that will help meet the alternative transportation needs of Idaho.

More than 85 organizations, including intrastate carriers and local public and private providers, offer land-based transportation services in Idaho.

The Idaho Transportation Department provides leadership and vision in bringing public transportation options to the state. Annual appropriations by the Idaho Legislature, administered by the department and combined with federal resources, help fund the purchase of vans and small buses for organizations statewide. Using federal and state Vehicle Investment Program funds, the division has helped place 61 vehicles in service since 1999.

Public transportation programs:

- Vehicle Investment Program
- Urbanized Area Formula Program
- Non-urbanized Area Formula Program
- Intercity Bus Service
- Rural Transit Assistance Programs
- Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program
- State Planning and Research
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality



- Job Access and Reverse Commute Program
- Surface Transportation Program

Idaho's Aeronautics System

Idaho's system of public-use airports serves a variety of aviation activities. General-aviation airports serve corporate and business users and play an integral role in supporting the state's recreation and tourism industries.

Idaho's commercial airports accommodate regional/com-muter airlines, major airline operations, air cargo shipments and military activities. Idahoans increasingly rely on air transportation to connect to the nation's major hubs and international travel.

Idaho's Division of Aeronautics oversees maintenance and operations at 30 state-owned recreational and emergency airstrips, providing recreational access to wilderness destinations and supporting state and federal fire suppression activities.

Airport Aid Grants

The Division of Aeronautics administers improvement and development grants that help airports of all sizes serve business and recreational travelers. The Idaho Airport Aid Program funds projects such as runway improvements, security upgrades, land acquisition and safety enhancements. Federal Aviation Administration grants are generally funded at 90 percent, with a 10 percent local match.

In addition to assisting with matching funds for federal-aid grants, the transportation department provides grants for 50 percent (up to 75 percent under certain circumstances) for improvements not eligible for federal assistance. Also, the state aviation trust funds are used to maintain state-operated airports.

- 7 commercial airports
- 31 general aviation airports
- 30 community airports
- 30 state-owned airports
- 26 U.S. Forest Service (backcountry) airports
- 2,208 registered aircraft
- 2,727 registered pilots
- 1.74 million commercial passengers annually
- Average of 530 departing commercial flights per week

Aviation Safety

Rugged Idaho attracts pilots to its backcountry airports in increasing numbers. Keeping them safe as they land and take off from isolated, geographically challenging airstrips is a paramount concern.

To help prepare pilots for the unique challenges of Idaho's airports, the division sponsors:

- The annual Northwest Family Fly-in and Safety Conference
- The annual Aviation Festival and Safety Conference in Boise
- Series of safety seminars and array of safety publications
- Flight instructor refresher clinic
- Mountain flying clinic
- Aviation Career Education (ACE) summer academy for teenagers

Idaho's Waterways System

The Port of Lewiston is Idaho's only seaport and the farthest inland port on the west coast. Located at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, Lewiston is the final stop on the nation's second-largest water transportation highway, the Columbia/Snake River system, 465 miles upriver from the Pacific Ocean. The Port specializes in intermodal transportation – barge, rail, and truck.



Idaho's Rail System

In Idaho railroads operate main lines, secondary main lines, branch lines and short lines. The state is served by two major long-haul railroads – the Union Pacific Railroad and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. They provide connections to points in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Idaho also has one regional railroad and eight short-line railroads that connect with the major railroads.

New benefits for old rail lines

Rail lines that historically served rural areas of Idaho are assuming new roles in the 21st century. One has been converted to tourism/excursion lines, affording passengers unique views of the state's scenic beauty between Horseshoe Bend and Cascade. Abandoned rail lines, especially those in northern Idaho, are ideally suited for recreational use and have become extremely popular for bicycling and hiking.



Idaho's Bicycle and Pedestrian System

The Idaho Transportation Department recognizes the inherent value of bicycling and walking and is committed to preserving and expanding those options.

Many of the designated highway improvement projects include provisions for maintaining or expanding opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Federal enhancement funds also support local and state initiatives to create and expand safe bicycle and recreational routes.

In addition to improving the overall health of Idahoans, bicycling and walking can have a significant impact on local commuting, reducing the number of vehicles on Idaho's highways, reducing congestion and improving air quality. The Idaho Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan formalizes the department's support of bicycles and pedestrian traffic as transportation alternatives. The vision is to create, as part of the transportation system, enhanced facilities and services to make bicycling and walking more convenient, without conflict with motorized modes and with minimal barriers to the mobility impaired.

30-year Transportation Vision

"Idaho's Transportation Future: Getting There Together," projects the state's transportation goals 30 years into the future and outlines a basic plan to begin that journey.

The emerging transportation system will be:

- International in scope
- Intermodal in form
- Intelligent in character
- Inclusive in service

The long-range vision indicates Idahoans want a system that effectively, conveniently and safely moves them to and from all of their destinations, and they want choices to evolve intelligently over the next 30 years based on thoughtful evaluation, careful planning, preservation of options and coordinated/collaborative efforts.

Geographically and culturally diverse Idaho envisions:

- Communities with a variety of transportation modes, from public transit and carpools to pedestrian/recreation paths
- Communities with well-planned and well-coordinated land-use and transportation systems that include a good highway system
- Parks, bicycle paths and walkable neighborhoods supported by communities
- Goods and services moving easily within and through the state, resulting in vibrant, growing economies
- Families with the choice to spend less time in their cars and more time together enjoying their lives and Idaho's amenities

Idaho's transportation system and services will:

- Provide a competitive edge to businesses in their expanding markets
- Incorporate efficient, responsive and cost-effective transportation and service delivery systems
- Reflect Idahoans' expectations of a modern, balanced and integrated multi-modal network
- Continue to evolve in response to future population growth while minimizing congestion, improving air quality and preserving scarce resources

Focus will be given to three primary areas:

1. Facility Improvement: Meet or exceed Idaho's standards on highway facilities and airports
2. Safety: Improve safety on the state highway system, state-owned aviation facilities and federally funded transit operations
3. Efficiency: Improve the department's operational processes to best utilize available resources

How is Idaho's transportation system funded?

The Idaho Transportation Department's revenue comes from federal, state and local taxes, and fees. Revenue is driven by the department's strategic plan, based on projected federal and state revenues and appropriations by the Idaho Legislature. The available revenues are allocated to six major areas: highways, motor vehicles, planning, aeronautics, public transportation and management support.

What is Idaho's fuel tax structure?

The major source of state revenue for all road and street jurisdictions (state, county, highway district and city) is the Highway Distribution Account (HDA). Funds deposited into the account are collected from a number of sources and are distributed according to Idaho law.

Similarly, taxes on special fuels, such as diesel and propane, also are deposited into the HDA. Most of the revenue the transportation department receives from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and U.S. Department of Transportation are derived from federal fuel taxes.

**How much do Idahoans pay in fuels taxes?**

The federal tax is approximately 18 cents per gallon.

The Idaho tax is 25 cents per gallon.

How are vehicle registration fees calculated?

Another major source of revenue to the HDA is vehicle registrations. The registration fee for passenger cars is based on the age of the vehicle. Car owners pay fees according to the following schedule:

1- to 2-year-old vehicles	\$48
3- to 6-year-old vehicles	\$36
Vehicles older than 6 years	\$24

How is revenue collected from commercial trucking?

Trucks weighing 8,000 to 60,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (gvw) pay registration based on weight group and type of operation. Trucks with more than 60,000 pounds gvw pay a single registration fee calculated by truck weight and mileage group.

What other revenue sources help pay for the system?

Other HDA fees are derived from license plate fees (including personalized and specialty plates), driver licenses and fines. Combined, these fees represent a small percentage of the total account.

How are state transportation revenues dispersed?

Revenue from the HDA for the maintenance, repair and construction of Idaho's highway system is deposited into the state highway account for transportation department use. The department receives approximately 56 percent of the HDA revenue after the deductions are made. The remaining amount is divided among city, county and highway district jurisdictions and the Idaho State Police. Revenue from sources such as permits and licenses is deposited directly into the state highway account for use by the transportation department. Those "other funds" represent approximately 10-12 percent of the total state revenue deposited into the state highway account.

How much does the federal government contribute?

The other major revenue source for Idaho highways is the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Those revenues are allocated to Idaho for highway construction, planning, safety and other uses on a project-by-project basis.

How are decisions made?

The seven-member Idaho Transportation Board meets monthly to receive input from the public and administrative staff members. The board establishes state transportation policy and guides the planning, development and management of a complex statewide transportation network. The board usually meets six times a year in Boise and once in each of the six districts.

Highway, aviation, rail and public transportation needs are considered when shaping Idaho's transportation future.

Idaho Transportation Board

The Idaho Transportation Board is a seven-member panel of citizens appointed by the Idaho governor and confirmed by the Idaho Senate. Representing each of the state's six transportation districts, board members serve staggered six-year terms. The seventh member, the board chair, serves at the pleasure of the governor and votes on transportation issues in the event of a tie.

The citizen board establishes state transportation policy and guides the planning, development and management of a transportation system based on input from the public and appropriate public advisory groups.

The following groups meet regularly and make recommendations to ITD staff and the Idaho Transportation Board:

- Aeronautics Advisory Board
- Idaho Traffic Safety Commission
- Public Transportation Interagency Working Group
- Public Transportation Advisory Council
- Idaho Automobile Dealers Advisory Board
- Motor Carrier Advisory Committee
- Enhancement Advisory Committee
- Technology Transfer Center Advisory Committee
- Scenic Byway Advisory Committee
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
- Program Technical Review Committee
- Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)

Board Members



Chairman

Charles L. Winder

Serves at the pleasure of the governor

No term expiration



District 1

John McHugh

Term expires January 31, 2007

Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone



District 2

Bruce Sweeney

Term expires January 31, 2010

Counties: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce



District 3

Monte McClure

Term expires January 31, 2009

Counties: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington



District 4

Gary Blick

Term expires January 31, 2006

Counties: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls



District 5

Neil Miller

Term expires January 31, 2005

Counties: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power



District 6

John X. Combo

Term expires January 31, 2008

Counties: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton

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Division of Administration

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Division of Aeronautics

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Division of Highways

The division is a decentralized operation consisting of six district offices, the Bureau of Highway Operations, Bureau of Highway Development and the Office of Traffic and Highway Safety. Through these offices, the division plans, develops, constructs and maintains the state's highways and bridges and administers safe driving programs.

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Division of Motor Vehicles

The division issues vehicle titles, licenses to Idaho vehicle dealers and sales people, registers motor carriers, coordinates the issuance of driver licenses, issues temporary restricted driving permits, reinstates driver's licenses and enforces regulations governing commercial motor carriers.

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Division of Public Transportation

The Division of Public Transportation administers federal grant programs to plan transportation options for urban and rural needs, as well as the elderly and persons with disabilities. It also provides technical assistance to subgrantees, local governments and regional transit authorities.

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Division of Transportation Planning and Programming

The Division of Transportation Planning is organized into four sections: Intermodal Planning, Planning Services, Geographic Information Systems and Traffic Survey and Analysis.

Through these sections, the division coordinates planning for highways, railroads, waterways, and bicycle and pedestrian pathways. It coordinates with local planners, provides analyses and technical support to government agencies, develops geographic databases of transportation agencies, databases of transportation functions and assets, and provides statewide traffic data.

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Office of Budget, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations

The office coordinates budgeting with the strategic plan, highways development plan, fiscal plans and revenue forecasting. The office serves as a liaison with Idaho's congressional delegation, the Idaho Legislature, national transportation associations and other state departments of transportation. It also analyzes federal and state regulations.

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District Services

The transportation department's headquarters is in Boise, and it has offices and services in all regions of the state to provide the most responsive service possible to constituents.

District offices are located in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Shoshone, Pocatello and Rigby. Within these districts are 81 maintenance sheds whose staff keeps Idaho roads repaired and safely passable.



District 1

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Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone

Land area: 7,752 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 1,445

Centerline miles: 595



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Counties: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce

Land area: 13,403 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 1,433

Centerline miles: 696



District 3

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Counties: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington

Land area: 21,884 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 2,529

Centerline miles: 1,026

**District 4**

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Counties: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls

Land area: 11,572 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 2,332

Centerline miles: 931

**District 5**

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Counties: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power

Land area: 9,491 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 1,821

Centerline miles: 709

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Counties: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton

Land area: 18,588 sq. mi.

Lane miles: 2,293

Centerline miles: 991

In its commitment to provide a safe, efficient and reliable system that meets the needs of a broad constituency, the Idaho Transportation Department engages in a number of ambitious projects and programs.

Division of Motor Vehicles

Few services in state government reach more Idahoans on a daily basis than the Division of Motor Vehicles. From licensing first-time drivers and processing license renewals, to automobile and truck registration, title transfers, Ports of Entry operations and services to commercial truck operators, the division truly is a primary public service provider.

It offers a growing number of online services to Idaho drivers.

Online Services

- Motor vehicle registration renewals (available to residents of six counties)
- Motor vehicle record requests
- Driver record requests
- Insurance filings (accessible only to insurance companies)
- Commercial full-fee registration renewals
- Temporary trip permits
- Annual over-legal permits
- Hazardous-materials endorsement
- International Fuel Tax Agreement quarterly tax returns
- Pilot project trip reporting program



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Maintaining, improving and rebuilding Idaho's transportation infrastructure is the foundation of the department's programs. That process is guided by a multi-year construction program, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The program identifies the transportation projects that have been selected through an inclusive and ongoing process. The comprehensive document contains project lists for each of the department's six districts and Idaho's six metropolitan planning organizations.

The STIP establishes schedules for a variety of projects, including:

- The Highway Development Program (highways and bridges)
- Highway safety
- Public transportation
- Transportation planning
- Transportation grant programs
- Railroad crossing safety
- Airports
- Air quality
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Information: 208.334.8272

Highway Safety Program

The Office of Traffic and Highway Safety administers the federal Highway Safety Grant Program, which is funded by formula through the federal transportation bill enacted by Congress.

The goal of the safety program is to reduce deaths and serious injuries resulting from motor vehicle collisions by implementing programs designed to address driver behaviors.

Safety focus areas:

- Safety restraint use
- Impaired driving
- Aggressive driving
- Youthful drivers
- Roadway safety/traffic records
- Emergency medical services
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety

Each October, the Idaho Traffic Safety Commission reviews the focus areas, goals and funding ranges. Adjustments for the ensuing year are made at that time, as appropriate. Progress toward achieving the safety goals is presented to and reviewed by the commission annually.

Information: 208.334.8101

Scenic Byways Program

Arriving at a destination is only part of the journey in Idaho. Enjoying the state's incredible beauty between departure and arrival is the true reward of traveling on the highways. The Scenic Byways Program is dedicated to increasing awareness of the state's scenic routes through printed material, illustrative/interpretive signs, and welcome centers.

Funding is provided on a competitive basis through the Federal Highway Administration's Scenic Byways Program.

Travelers may obtain full-color copies of "Taking the Scenic Route," a guide to Idaho's scenic byways, free from the Idaho Transportation Department.

National Scenic Byways (3)

Northwest Passage National Scenic Byway

Pend Oreille National Scenic Byway

Payette River National Scenic Byway

Idaho Scenic Byways (22)

City of Rocks Back Country Byway

Fort Henry Historic Byway

Gold Rush Historic Byway

Hells Canyon Scenic Byway

Lake Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway

Lewis and Clark Back Country Byway

Lost Gold Hills Loop

Mesa Falls Scenic Byway

Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway

Owyhee Uplands Back Country Byway

Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage

Pioneer Historic Byway

Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway

Sacajawea Historic Byway

Salmon River Scenic Byway

Sawtooth Scenic Byway

Teton Scenic Byway

Thousand Springs Scenic Byway

Western Heritage Historic Byway

White Pine Scenic Byway

Wild Horse Trail Scenic Byway

Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway

Information: 208.334.8214



Historic Marker Program

The transportation department and Idaho Historical Society began promoting the historical heritage of Idaho through the ambitious use of highway markers almost 50 years ago. In 1956 they embarked on a campaign to document existing historical markers, standardize their appearance and content and ensure long-term maintenance as a legacy for the future.

From the caves of prehistoric man to the first town to be powered by atomic energy, present-day Idaho is shaped by and inherited from pioneers and ancestors. That rich history is recorded on nearly 250 Historic Markers.

The inventory of Historic Markers is contained in a comprehensive Historic Marker Guide available from the ITD Public Affairs Office. Cost is \$5.

Information: 208.334.8004



Rest Area Program

The transportation department introduced a formal program for improving existing rest areas and adding new ones. It established a new rest area fund and commits approximately

\$10 million annually to it.

Amenities offered at Idaho rest areas vary but all include tables (many with shelters), trash receptacles, drinking fountains, telephones, trees and shade, travel information boards and restrooms. Some of the larger facilities offer paved walking and biking trails, parking areas for recreation vehicles and semi-trucks, and Visitor Information Centers. All safety rest areas are fully accessible to disabled persons and the elderly.

Information: 208.334.8416

Adopt-A-Highway Program

The Adopt-A-Highway Program began in 1990 as a way of enabling individuals and organizations to take an active role in keeping Idaho's highways beautiful.

Volunteers "adopt" a specific stretch of state highway – usually 2 miles long – and take responsibility for keeping it clean. Groups meet at least twice a year to remove litter.

- Groups involved: Approximately 1,200
- Sections adopted: About 55 percent of eligible routes
- Person hours spent on annual collections: 114,000
- Material collected: Approximately 2.3 million pounds
- Savings to the state of Idaho: About \$250,000 annually – money that can be applied to other projects that improve safety and driving conditions

Information: 208.334.8465

Tourist Oriented Directional Signs

The transportation department maintains an informational sign program along its primary and secondary highways. Signs provide directions to tourist-oriented businesses such as lodging, restaurants, gas stations and other service providers.

The Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS) program provides for the installation and administration of directional signs within the highway rights-of-way. Applications for signs may be obtained from the traffic supervisor at the ITD headquarters in Boise or at any district office statewide.

Information: 208.334.8557

Publications

The transportation department produces and disseminates a number of general- or special-interest publications. The most frequently requested publication is the official State of Idaho Highway Map, available free from the department's Public Affairs Office.

Other major publications include:

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- Idaho Driver's Manual
- Taking the Scenic Route, A guide to Idaho's scenic byways
- Idaho Highway Historic Marker Guide
- ITD Annual Report
- Rudder Flutter, Division of Aeronautics newsletter
- Bicycle Commuter Guide
- Highway Milepost Marker Log

Other special-interest publications also are available. Many can be downloaded from the ITD web site: itd.idaho.gov

Information: 208.334.8004

Vehicle Investment Program

The transportation department plays an integral role in improving transportation options for citizens of rural areas and communities through its Vehicle Investment Program.

Since its inception in 1999, the Vehicle Investment Program, combining federal and state authorized funds, has helped provide nearly 61 vehicles to communities throughout Idaho and has improved crucial access to health care providers, shopping and recreation for elderly and handicapped citizens and residents in rural areas.

Information: 208.334.8848



State of Idaho

Population (estimated, 2004)	1,400,000
Capital: Boise	(est. population 186,000)
Idaho land area	82,751 sq. mi.
Idaho water area	823 sq. mi.
Highest elevation (Mt. Borah)	12,662 ft.
Lowest elevation (Lewiston)	738 ft.
Federally owned land	52,207 sq. mi.
Percentage of federally owned land	63.1
State owned land	4,208 sq. mi.
Percentage of state owned land	5.1
National forests.....	15
State parks	25
Rest areas	25
Seaport (Port of Lewiston)	1

Idaho Transportation Department, districts

District 1 land area	7,752 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	1,445
Centerline miles.....	595
District 2 land area	13,403 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	1,433
Centerline miles.....	696
District 3 land area	21,884 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	2,529
Centerline miles	1,026
District 4 land area	11,572 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	2,332
Centerline miles.....	931
District 5 land area	9,491 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	1,821
Centerline miles.....	709
District 6 land area	18,588 sq. mi.
Lane miles.....	2,293
Centerline miles.....	991

Highways

Lane miles, state highway system	11,852
Centerline miles.....	4,948
City, county, and highway district centerline miles	33,250
Unimproved miles, all jurisdictions	1,075
Bridges, state highway system	1,752
Weight restricted bridges, state highway.....	9

Height restricted bridges, state highway	7
Width restricted bridges, state highway.....	44
Scenic Byways.....	25
Scenic Byways, total centerline miles (approximate).....	1,900
Historic Markers (approximate).....	250
Adopt-A-Highway active groups (approx.)	1,200
Litter collected annually by Adopt-A-Highway groups (approx.)	2.3 million pounds

Motor Vehicles/Drivers

Drivers' licenses processed	250,000
Vehicle titles processed	550,000
Commerical vehicles registered (Idaho-based only)	57,000
Vehicle registrations processed	1,700,000
License plates issued (2 nd year of 7 year reissue)	1,055,000
Vehicles weighed at ports of entry	2,745,000

Fuel Tax

Federal (per gallon)	18 cents
Idaho (per gallon)	25 cents

Aviation

Commercial airports	7
General aviation airports	31
Community airports	30
State-owned airports	30
U.S. Forest Service (backcountry) airports	26
Registered aircraft	2,208
Registered pilots	2,727
Commercial passengers annually	1.74 million

Rail

Railroad crossings	2,639
Public railroad crossings	1,439
Private railroad crossings	1,184
Pedestrian railroad crossings	16

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Bannock Planning Organization	
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Benewah Area Transit	
www.valleyvista.org	208.245.4576
Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization	
www.ci.idaho-falls.id.us	208.245.4576
Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho	
www.compassidaho.org	208.345.5176
Community Transportation Association of Idaho	
www.ctai.org	208.761.0532
Commuteride (Ada County Highway District).....	208.345.7665
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Federal Highway Administration, Boise	208.334.1843
Idaho Association of Highway Districts	
www.iahd.com	208.345.5176
Ketchum Area Rural Transit	
www.kart-sunvalley.com	208.726.7576
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